



**Record of Decisions
Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan
Coordinating Committee
Wednesday September 1, 2010 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street,
Austin, Texas**

CTO 2:00 p.m.

1. Citizen Communications – Roy Waley, Vice Chair of Austin Sierra Club, voiced unanswered concerns
 - a. How will transmission lines impact springs in BCP?
 - b. How will anticipated 270 gallons per minute of muck water be captured, partially treated and, released into Bull Creek?
 - c. How can Sierra Club investigate?Leffingwell responded that
 - Some muck water will be used on construction site for dust control;
 - Some will be go to sanitary sewers, and,
 - Any muck water going into storm sewers will be treated to non-degradation standard.
 - COA is committed to not disrupt Bull CreekWaley –How will this impact spring flow? Why are we into this situation?
Leffingwell – COA is committed to not disrupt Bull Creek
Waley – National Sierra Club thinks transmission lines will violate BCP
2. Approve Record of Decisions for the June 17, 2010 meeting. – Approved 2/0 on a motion from Huber, second by Leffingwell
3. Report and Possible Action on Use of Condemnation by City of Austin and Travis County for BCP Acquisition – Secretary presented memo handout. Huber moved to endorse existing practice for land acquisition. Approved 2/0 on a motion from Huber and second by Leffingwell.
4. Report and Possible action to extend the current BCCP Participation fee Schedule – Secretary and Jennifer Brown. Jennifer presented handouts. Staff and CAC recommend keeping fees where they are for another year. Secretary elaborated on CAC recommendations. Staff to do a rate analysis prior to end of extension period. Huber moved to extend current fees to 9/30/2011, second by Leffingwell. Approved 2/0
5. Report and possible action on Revised Turkey Creek Trail Master Plan Proposal by Secretary, Sheila Holbrook-White and, Kristy Rollins. Secretary shared updates and stated that proposed mitigation amendment to original proposal is still outstanding. Shelia Holbrook-White shared updates on volunteer activities and proposed amendment. Kristy Rollins led activities and shared:

- a. There are 250 freshman student volunteers from Concordia University partnership, shoreline tree trimming, shoreline erosion control, way-finding replacement, trash collection - liter removal, and trail maintenance with 700 linear feet of social trails being closed. Benefits to community, city parks and students as stewards rather than just casual users.
Requesting mitigation of additional 519 ft of trail closure and re-vegetation
Huber moved to approve amendment and encourage USFWS to expedite as soon as possible, Leffingwell second. Approved 2/0
- 6. Receive a report from Travis County regarding the proposed sale of Mirtching Tract in a manner that will alter current dedication to the Balcones Canyon lands Preserve by reducing the mitigation from 2.0 acres to 1.467 acres - Rose Farmer, Secretary
 - a. Travis County is proposing sale of house and surrounding acre with restrictive conservation easement resulting in a change in preserve acreage. Property surrounded on 4 sides by BCCP and is in-holding. Access to preserve will be reserved. No action taken.
- 7. Approve a request to USFWS to remove infrastructure special use designation from the surface of a 102 acre parcel within the Sam Hamilton Reserve and dedicate that land to the BCP as golden-cheeked warbler habitat - Secretary commented on Sam Hamilton Memorial Reserve and presented letter on behalf of Coordinating Committee. Huber moved to approve request, Leffingwell second. Approved 2/0
- 8. Report from Scientific Advisory Committee by David Steed, Chair gave update on committee reports, new members, experimental design for mountain bike studies and sub-committee discussions. No action taken
- 9. Report from Citizens Advisory Committee by Chair Joe Lessard who was not present. Secretary has written copy of draft record of decisions for committee. No action taken
- 10. Receive Law Enforcement reports from Travis County – Dan Chapman gave verbal and written report. No action taken.
- 11. Receive reports on the status of BCCP Public Participation and Infrastructure Mitigation Processes by Travis County, City of Austin, and BCCP Secretary. Report presented by Jennifer Brown. Secretary presented report for COA and BCCP. No action taken.
- 12. Receive Land Management Updates from BCCP Partners Staff. Written and verbal report presented by Scott Rowin. Handouts with details of report given out. No action taken
- 13. Land Acquisition and Section 6 Grant Update report from Travis County and Secretary. Rose Farmer combined items 12 and 13.
 - a. Land Acquisition – closed on 4 tracts for 308 acres and currently negotiating on 600 acres
 - b. Did resolution recognizing Sam Hamilton
 - c. Surveying of endangered species continuing
 - d. Doing deer management in Fall
 - e. Fencing activities are ongoing
 No action taken

ADJ 3:02 p.m.